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**Gregory Floyd is sentenced to life imprisonment for the
carjacking and murder of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute**

There is no possibility of parole

A federal judge today sentenced Gregory Floyd to life in prison for the carjacking and murder of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute in June 2000. In October 2001, Floyd pleaded guilty to carjacking resulting in death and related offenses, admitting that he fired the fatal shots during the abduction and robbery of Shute and Burgeson by Floyd and four accomplices.

United States Attorney Margaret E. Curran announced the sentence, which Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ronald R. Lagueux imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence. Under federal sentencing law, Floyd, 22, will not be eligible for parole from his life sentence.

Three codefendants, **Harry Burdick**, **Raymond Anderson**, and **Samuel Sanchez**, have also pleaded guilty to federal carjacking charges and are scheduled to be sentenced next month. At trial in February, Judge Lagueux acquitted a fifth defendant, **Kenneth Day**.

At the hearing during which Floyd pleaded guilty, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerard B. Sullivan said that, at about 1:00 AM on June 9, 2000, near the Arcade in downtown Providence, Floyd and Burdick forced Burgeson and Shute at gunpoint into Burgeson's SUV and commandeered the vehicle. With Sanchez, Day, and Anderson leading the way in Sanchez' car, they went to a remote construction site in Johnston, now the site of Button Hole golf course.

The abductors left Sanchez' car at the edge of the site and all five rode the SUV further in -- with Day and Anderson hanging on the rear of the vehicle, standing on the bumper. After the defendants pilfered the SUV and with Day and Sanchez urging him on, Floyd shot both victims in the head, execution style. The abductors then fled the scene in both vehicles and divided the proceeds of their robbery, using \$18 in change found in Burgeson's SUV to gas up both vehicles.

Federal indictment

All five defendants were arrested the following day and, after initially being charged with state crimes, were indicted by a federal grand jury in December 2000 on charges of conspiracy and carjacking resulting in death. Floyd was also charged with firearms offenses.

Floyd pleaded guilty to conspiracy to carjack, carjacking resulting in death, using a firearm in a crime of violence, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Judge Lagueux sentenced him to life imprisonment for carjacking resulting in death, concurrent sentences of five years for conspiracy and ten years for being a felon in possession of a firearm, and a consecutive sentence of ten years for using a firearm during a crime of violence.

The case was investigated by **Johnston Police** and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**. They were assisted by the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms**, the **RI Department of Corrections Special Investigations Unit**, and **Providence Police**. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sullivan, who was assisted by two state prosecutors who were cross-designated as federal prosecutors: Assistant Attorneys General Stephen Dambruch and Peter Neronha.